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Unemployment dropped by more than 4,000 in February when there also was a slight decline in employment, and personal income of state residents once again reached a new record high, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment dipped by one-tenth of one percent, or 900 persons, during the month as retail trade and transportation equipment registered declines. These were offset by gains in such other industries as apparel and restaurants and government. Still, total employment of 1,420,600 exceeded the February 1980 level by almost 15,000 (page 2).

Average weekly earnings of factory workers dropped by 99 cents to $313.92 as fewer overtime hours shortened the average workweek from 42.1 to 41.8 hours. Hourly earnings of $7.51 represented a rise of three-cents from the previous month and 67-cents from a year ago. On a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, wages were $7.19 hourly and $287.60 weekly compared to January's earnings of $7.15 and $286 (page 3). A year ago, straight-time earnings were $6.53 hourly and $261.20 a week. Weekly earnings were highest in the Ansonia, Bristol and Hartford labor market areas (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness declined by 4,100 to 108,900 in February as the rate went from 7.1 percent to 6.8 percent, substantially under the 8 percent February rate for the nation. The state's seasonally adjusted rate remained the same as the revised January figure of 5.9 percent, which compared with 7.3 in the country. Included in the unemployment estimate were persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. Eight labor market areas had lower unemployment, four remained unchanged and four recorded increases (page 4).

Other Indicators: For the tenth consecutive month, personal income increased and established an all-time high in February. Initial (new) weekly filings for unemployment benefits also declined. The manufacturing new hire rate and manufacturing output were down as well as new automobile registrations (page 7).

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A special report, "Labor Force and Unemployment in Connecticut by Race, 1979 and 1980 Annual Averages", is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

February 1981

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981 (R)	Feb. (R) 1980	% Change Feb. '81 over Jan. '81	% Change Feb. '81 over Feb. '80
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,420,600*	1,421,500*	1,405,900*	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Manufacturing.....	439,900*	441,100*	446,500*	- 0.3	- 1.5
Metallic Manufacturing...	322,000*	323,200*	328,700*	- 0.4	- 2.0
Primary Metals.....	20,600*	20,700*	21,900	- 0.5	- 5.9
Fabricated Metals.....	65,100	64,900	67,600	+ 0.3	- 3.7
Machinery, Ex. Elec....	62,300	62,400	64,200	- 0.2	- 3.0
Electrical Equipment....	50,400	50,500	52,000	- 0.2	- 3.1
Transp. Equipment.....	88,200	89,300	87,800*	- 1.2	+ 0.5
Instruments & Clocks....	27,200	27,000	26,600	+ 0.7	+ 2.3
Other Metallic Mfg.....	8,200	8,400	8,600	- 2.4	- 4.6
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	117,900	117,900*	117,800*	0.0	+ 0.1
Food.....	12,800	13,000	12,700	- 1.5	+ 0.8
Textiles.....	8,000	7,900	8,800	+ 1.3	- 9.1
Apparel.....	11,200	10,900	10,800	+ 2.7	+ 3.7
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,600	6,800	6,900	- 2.9	- 4.3
Paper.....	9,500	9,400	9,200	+ 1.1	+ 3.3
Printing & Publishing...	24,300	24,500	24,100	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Chemicals.....	18,700	18,600	17,900	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	13,800	13,700*	13,900*	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	13,000	13,100	13,500	- 0.8	- 3.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	980,700*	980,400* (R)	959,400*	+ 0.0**	+ 2.2
Construction.....	42,100	42,400	43,700	- 0.7	- 3.7
Trans. (Inc. R.R.).....	31,900	32,000	31,500	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Communications.....	18,300	18,200	17,700	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
Utilities.....	10,900	10,900	11,000	0.0	- 0.9
Trade.....	294,900	297,900*	290,800	- 1.0	+ 1.4
Wholesale.....	74,400	74,400*	71,900	0.0	+ 3.5
Retail.....	157,300	161,400	156,500	- 2.5	+ 0.5
Restaurants.....	63,200	62,100	62,400	+ 1.8	- 1.3
Finance & Real Estate...	45,800	45,700	44,000	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
Insurance.....	61,000	60,700(R)	57,800	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Service.....	290,700*	288,800*	277,300*	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Hotels.....	5,400	5,500	5,700	- 1.8	- 5.3
Laund. & Pers. Serv....	13,900	14,000	14,100	- 0.7	- 1.4
Health Services.....	97,700*	97,400*	92,900*	- 0.3	+ 5.2
Law & Professional.....	20,600	20,500	19,200	+ 0.5	- 7.3
Other Services.....	153,100	151,400	145,400	+ 1.1	+ 5.3
Government.....	185,100	183,800	185,600	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Federal.....	21,800	21,800	21,400	0.0	+ 1.9
State & Local.....	163,300	162,000	164,200	+ 0.8	- 0.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
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E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - F E B R U A R Y 1 9 8 1
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$313.92	$314.91	$288.65	41.8	42.1	42.2	$7.54	$7.48	$6.84
Metallic Manufacturing.....	326.98	326.82	302.44	42.3	42.5	42.9	7.73	7.69	7.05
Primary Metals.....	355.49	358.00	337.62	43.3	43.5	44.6	8.21	8.23	7.57
Fabricated Metals.....	298.64	293.83	267.34	42.6	42.4	42.3	7.01	6.93	6.32
Machinery.....	353.33	359.10	336.73	43.3	43.9	44.6	8.16	8.18	7.55
Electrical Equipment.....	257.48	256.68	231.09	41.0	41.2	40.9	6.28	6.23	5.65
Transportation Equipment..	378.81	379.26	355.64	41.4	42.0	42.9	9.15	9.03	8.29
Instruments and Clocks....	299.53	301.78	274.87	43.6	43.8	43.7	6.87	6.89	6.29
Other Metallic Mfg.....	269.28	264.86	238.21	41.3	41.0	41.5	6.52	6.46	5.74
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	279.45	280.70	250.26	40.5	40.8	40.3	6.90	6.88	6.21
Food.....	297.75	303.16	280.57	40.9	41.7	41.2	7.28	7.27	6.81
Textiles.....	225.18	221.84	213.00	40.5	39.9	41.2	5.56	5.56	5.17
Apparel.....	172.62	170.88	159.48	35.3	35.6	36.0	4.89	4.80	4.43
Lumber & Furniture.....	228.64	226.29	208.24	39.9	39.7	40.2	5.73	5.70	5.18
Paper.....	334.93	352.12	315.95	45.2	46.7	45.2	7.41	7.54	6.99
Printing & Publishing.....	284.24	279.37	251.71	37.4	37.6	36.8	7.60	7.43	6.84
Chemicals.....	354.05	351.95	318.75	42.3	42.2	42.5	8.37	8.34	7.50
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	286.21	287.85	240.94	41.6	41.9	40.7	6.88	6.87	5.92
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	296.65	294.10	256.68	42.5	42.5	41.2	6.98	6.92	6.23
Construction.....	477.85	487.15	410.93	39.2	39.8	37.7	12.19	12.24	10.90

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Feb. 1981 Number	Feb. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Jan. 1981 Number	Jan. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Feb. 1980 (R) Number	Feb. 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	108,000	6.8	113,000	7.1	90,900	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.0)		(6.9)		(6.2)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	2,100	12.0	1,800	10.3	1,600	9.0
Bridgeport.....	12,700	6.7	13,200	7.2	10,900	5.6
Bristol.....	2,700	10.	2,[illegible]	10.0	2,500	6.4
Danbury.....	6,100	6.7	6,400	7.0	5,200	6.0
Danielson.....	3,100	10.0	3,000	10.5	2,700	9.1
Hartford.....	23,000	6.1	24,200	6.2	18,800	5.0
Meriden.....	2,800	10.0	2,800	10.3	1,800	6.8
Middletown.....	3,700	6.2	3,700	6.1	3,100	5.1
New Britain.....	5,300	7.1	5,800	7.5	4,300	5.5
New Haven.....	14,600	7.2	15,100	7.4	13,100	6.4
New London-Norwich.....	6,600	6.3	7,000	6.7	5,900	5.7
Norwalk.....	4,000	5.4	3,800	5.1	3,300	4.5
Stamford.....	5,000	4.6	5,600	4.7	5,200	4.4
Torrington.....	4,200	10.3	4,100	10.0	3,000	7.5
Waterbury.....	9,700	9.0	10,500	9.6	7,800	7.1
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.1	1,300	5.3	1,200	4.7
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,425,000	8.0	8,593,000	8.2	6,993,000	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.3)		(7.4)		(6.2)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	Feb. '81	Jan. '81	Feb. '80
All Items.....	263.2	260.5	236.4
Percent Change from....	XXX	+ 1.0	+11.3

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Feb.'81	Jan.'81	Feb.'80(R)	Percent Change to February 1981 from: Jan.'81	Feb.'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,490	8,550	8,870	- 0.7	- 4.3
Manufacturing	3,160	3,200	3,510	- 1.3	- 10.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,330	5,350	5,360	- 0.4	- 0.6
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	168,700	170,700	166,740	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	65,720	65,960	66,130	- 0.4	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	102,980	104,750	100,610	- 1.7	+ 2.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,700	23,780	24,950	- 0.3	- 5.0
Manufacturing	10,310	10,300	11,860	+ 0.1	- 13.1
Nonmanufacturing	13,390	13,480	13,090	- 0.7	+ 2.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,300	64,860(R)	60,660	- 0.9	+ 6.0
Manufacturing	21,870	21,920	20,910	- 0.2	+ 4.6
Nonmanufacturing	42,430	42,940(R)	39,750	- 1.2	+ 6.7
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,750	19,660	19,980	+ 0.5	- 1.2
Manufacturing	9,230	9,090	9,690	+ 1.5	- 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,520	10,570	10,290	- 0.5	+ 2.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	398,090*	400,030*	388,880*	- 0.5	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	98,820	99,690	100,120*	- 0.9	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	299,270*	300,340*	288,760*	- 0.4	+ 3.6
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,250	21,460*(R)	21,260	- 1.0	- 0.5
Manufacturing	6,000	5,930*	6,220	+ 1.2	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	15,250	15,530 (R)	15,040	- 1.8	+ 1.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,840	46,790	46,490	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	16,140	16,220	16,990	- 0.5	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	30,700	30,570	29,500	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,750*	65,270*	65,110*	- 0.8	- 0.6
Manufacturing	30,120*	30,240*	31,160*	- 0.4	- 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	34,630	35,030	33,950	- 1.1	+ 2.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	190,080	191,180(R)	191,160*	- 0.6	- 0.6
Manufacturing	41,180	41,600	45,100	- 1.0	- 8.7
Nonmanufacturing	148,900	149,580(R)	146,060*	- 0.5	+ 1.9
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	91,570	91,610(R)	88,820*	- 0.1	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	35,980	35,510	34,330*	+ 1.3	+ 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	55,590	56,100(R)	54,490	- 0.9	+ 2.0
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	61,940	62,420	60,710	- 0.8	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	21,040	21,020	20,290	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
Nonmanufacturing	40,900	41,400	40,420	- 1.2	+ 1.2

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Feb.'81	Jan.'81	Feb.'80(R)	Percent Change to February 1981 from: Jan.'81	Feb.'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	108,130	109,030(R)	106,200	- 0.8	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	31,780	31,830(R)	31,700	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	76,350	77,200(R)	74,500	- 1.1	+ 2.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,380	28,730	28,620	- 1.2	- 0.8
Manufacturing	10,410	10,520	10,640	- 1.0	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	17,970	18,210	17,980	- 1.3	- 0.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,190*	87,560	88,990	- 0.4	- 2.0
Manufacturing	32,830*	32,830	34,780	0.0	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	54,360	54,730	54,210	- 0.7	+ 0.3
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,880	19,480	19,940	+ 2.1	- 0.3
Manufacturing	3,000	2,970	2,890	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	16,880	16,510	17,050	+ 2.2	- 1.0

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - FEBRUARY 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'81	Jan.'81	Feb.'80	Feb.'81	Jan.'81	Feb.'80	Feb.'81	Jan.'81	Feb.'80
Ansonia	$339.48	$330.46	$369.60	41.0	40.3	46.2	$8.28	$8.20	$8.00
Bridgeport	329.13	327.17	303.53	42.8	42.6	43.3	7.69	7.68	7.01
Bristol	338.12	337.05	339.39	39.5	39.7	41.9	8.56	8.49	8.10
Danbury	309.77	308.25	270.32	44.7	45.0	43.6	6.93	6.85	6.20
Danielson	248.84	245.63	219.75	38.7	38.2	37.5	6.43	6.43	5.86
Hartford	336.04	338.44	318.22	41.9	42.2	42.6	8.02	8.02	7.47
Meriden	268.66	262.94	251.74	40.4	39.9	41.0	6.65	6.59	6.14
Middletown	321.91	323.46	294.03	40.8	41.1	40.5	7.89	7.87	7.26
New Britain	326.83	328.02	290.28	42.5	42.6	42.5	7.69	7.70	6.83
New Haven	281.06	285.20	269.33	39.2	40.0	39.9	7.17	7.13	6.75
New London-Norwich	311.95	307.63	291.81	41.1	40.8	41.1	7.59	7.54	7.10
Norwalk	323.90	322.11	277.06	44.8	44.8	43.7	7.23	7.19	6.34
Stamford	287.82	285.89	276.69	41.0	40.9	43.3	7.02	6.99	6.39
Torrington	235.53	232.03	209.84	40.4	39.8	40.2	5.83	5.83	5.22
Waterbury	272.63	270.30	248.35	42.4	42.3	41.6	6.43	6.39	5.97
Willimantic	265.67	265.70	237.10	44.5	43.7	46.4	5.97	6.08	5.11

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.5	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1426.5	1424.8	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1434.9	1423.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1439.5	1414.3	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1413.3	1422.2	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1403.7	1418.2	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1419.9	1415.8	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1426.9	1419.6	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1434.9	1422.2	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1441.8	1424.3	1.0(R)	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7432	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1443.7	1.3	1.5	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....								
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	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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Labor Force and Unemployment - By Race

1979 and 1980 Annual Averages

The information shown in the following table was taken from a U. S. Department of Labor press release of March 9, 1981. Data shown are annual averages and were compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from information gathered in the U. S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. A final, more detailed report containing all of this information with additional data on sex and occupational attachments will be published later in the year in the BLS's Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment -- 1980. For Connecticut and other small states this yearly report contains the only official current information regarding the race, sex and occupational composition of the civilian labor force.

An examination of the data reveals that, although employment in the United States rose by 325,000 from 1979 to 1980, the various racial groups did not share equally in these gains. Members of the "black and other" race lost 30,000 jobs in 1980 while the jobs held by persons in the "white" cohort increased by 355,000. Minorities did not do much better in New England where 44,000 jobs were added, the result of an addition of 70,000 by "white" workers and a loss of 26,000 by the "black and other" group. In Connecticut both white and nonwhite workers fared reasonably well as overall employment increased by 20,000. Nonwhite minorities filled 3,000 of these jobs and white workers 17,000. Among the large manufacturing industries here which managed to withstand last year's economic slowdown without too much damage were the transportation equipment, machinery and electrical equipment groups. In nonmanufacturing the insurance, finance and health service industries also made significant gains.

Nationally the unemployment rate rose by 1.3 percentage points from the 1979 level to a 7.1 percent average in 1980. In comparison, Connecticut's jobless rate rose by eight-tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent. Of the seven geographic units shown on the table, Connecticut had the lowest unemployment rate. Even among the states in New England, which do not appear on the table, Connecticut was tested only by New Hampshire which reported a rate of 4.7 percent unemployed. The racial breakout shows that unemployment in the "black and other" group improved in Connecticut, decreasing by 3.8 percentage points to a 10.5 percent rate, while the rate of joblessness among whites went up by a full point to 5.5 during the same period. Of the four major geographic divisions in the United States, the Northeast had the smallest unemployment rate increase for "black and other," up 0.7 to 13.1 percent. The lowest rate for unemployed whites was in the South, at 5.2 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
CONNECTICUT, NEW ENGLAND, U.S. AND ITS FOUR DIVISIONS
1979 and 1980 ANNUAL AVERAGES - IN THOUSANDS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT ----NUMBER---		UNEMPLOYMENT ----RATE----	
	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979
Totals								
U.S. Total	104,719	102,908	97,270	96,945	7,448	5,963	7.1	5.8
Connecticut	1,616	1,581	1,520	1,500	95	81	5.9	5.1
New England	6,177	6,098	5,809	5,765	368	333	6.0	5.5
Northeast	23,119	22,970	21,473	21,454	1,646	1,517	7.1	6.6
South	33,118	32,402	30,990	30,668	2,128	1,734	6.4	5.4
North Central	28,333	28,110	26,011	26,570	2,322	1,540	8.2	5.5
West	20,125	19,427	18,757	18,254	1,368	1,174	6.8	6.0
White								
U.S. Total	92,171	90,602	86,380	86,025	5,790	4,577	6.3	5.1
Connecticut	1,511	1,476	1,428	1,411	84	66	5.5	4.5
New England	5,941	5,830	5,595	5,525	346	305	5.8	5.2
Northeast	20,842	20,675	19,495	19,445	1,347	1,231	6.5	6.0
South	27,348	26,807	25,926	25,674	1,422	1,133	5.2	4.2
North Central	25,973	25,694	24,082	24,474	1,891	1,220	7.3	4.7
West	17,992	17,426	16,856	16,433	1,136	994	6.3	5.7
Black and Other								
U.S. Total	12,548	12,306	10,890	10,920	1,658	1,386	13.2	11.3
Connecticut	105	104	92	89	11	15	10.5	14.3
New England	236	268	214	240	22	28	9.3	10.3
Northeast	2,277	2,295	1,978	2,009	299	286	13.1	12.4
South	5,770	5,595	5,064	4,994	706	601	12.2	10.7
North Central	2,360	2,416	1,929	2,096	431	320	18.3	13.2
West	2,133	2,001	1,901	1,821	232	180	10.9	9.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics News, March 9, 1981